

European Union funded Aviation Sector Support Programme to Zambia promotes Safety in Civil Aviation

The European Union's 1.8 million Euro (approx. 20 million Zambian Kwacha) support under the Aviation Sector Support Programme, through an agreement with the European Air Safety Agency (EASA), continues to assist Zambia to enhance its air safety operations and management.

Under this technical assistance programme, on the 14th November 2018, representatives of the Ministry of Transport and Communications, European Union Delegation to Zambia and COMESA, Civil Aviation Authority, EASA, ZACL and other Industry representatives gathered to discuss the performance of the Aviation Sector Support Programme which will continue till 2021 and will provide further technical assistance to key institutions and sector stakeholders with a view to enabling Zambia to meet the required international standards for civil aviation.

Speaking during the event, the representative of the Ministry of Transport and Communications (MTC), Mr Danny Kafuli, speaking on behalf of the Permanent Secretary Mr. Misheck Lungu stated that, the Government of the Republic of Zambia recognizes and appreciates the assistance granted to it by the European Union since 2011 and the EASA since 2017 under the 11th EDF.

Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), Mr Gabriel Lesa stated that the EASA and ZCAA partnership has been very beneficial in that many important milestones have been achieved. It is envisaged that with such continuous improvement in the Regulatory oversight of the CAA occasioned by EASA Technical Assistance, the CAA should become a regulator of reference with capacity to render support to other regulators on the African continent.

The representative of the European Union Delegation to Zambia and COMESA, Mr Adam Grodzicki, further reiterated that “the necessity to continually improve the air safety oversight system becomes even more critical these days as new challenges are in view. As the aviation sector continues to grow, the Zambian Civil Aviation Authority needs to continuously demonstrate their ability to use various tools compliant to ICAO standards in the certification of a new national operator expected soon, or other players like approved training organisations or maintenance centres”.

Please visit the project's website for further information and details at:

<https://easa-eu.wixsite.com/eu-assp-z>

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https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/zambia_en

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